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When William E. Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was asked in San Francisco yesterday whether Soviet Intelligence had ever "planted a mole," or spy, within the C.I.A., he answered with a flat "no" but that's all he would say about the matter. Mr. Colby, questioned after a speech to 900 members and guests of the Commonwealth Club at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, said his public speaking was "reflective of a difference" in his agency's approach compared with earlier years.

Asked about being protected by Burns Security personnel during his appearance, rather than C.I.A. personnel, Mr. Colby said he was "not aware of it" and that, while it might be a policy of the hotel or the club, "Maybe it's a reflection of the C.I.A. not wanting to be involved in any domestic activities."